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TAGS: SOPN, GY, US
SUBJECT: LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE OF DYMALLY PRESS CONFERENCE

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 3316 - NOT RELEVANT

1. DEC. 20 EDITION AFTERNOON DAILY "CITIZEN" FRONT-PAGED CANA REPORT OF PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY LT. GOV. MERVIN DYMALLY UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN PORT OF SPAIN DEC. 19. HEADLINE READ "SENATOR DYMALLY AGAINST INTERFERENCE BY CIA IN CARIBBEAN." CANA ARTICLE QUOTED THE LT. GOV. AS SAYING HE WAS AGAINST INTERFERENCE BY CIA IN AFFAIRS OF CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS. CANA REPORTER EDITORIALIZED THAT COMMENTS CONCERNING CIA INVOLVEMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN WERE IN THE WAKE OF RECENT FEARS EXPRESSED BY JAMAICA AND GUYANA OF ALLEGED ATTEMPTS BY THE U.S. TO DESTABILIZE THEM IN REPRISAL FOR ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

2. DYMALLY WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT IF
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THERE WERE CIA AGENTS IN THE CARIBBEAN, THEY

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OUGHT TO RETURN VOLUNTARILY OR BE RECALLED BY USG. DYMALLY INDICATED THAT HE HELD SOME VERY STRONG VIEWS ON THAT SUBJECT AND ALSO THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NO BUSINESS INTERFERING IN THE AFFAIRS OF ANY NATION. THE LT. GOV. WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "WE WERE TOO PARANOID ABOUT CUBA AND FIDEL CASTRO AND SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT. AS A RESULT OF THIS PARANOIA, WE SEEM TO HAVE A VERY NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TO ANY CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS ANY RELATIONS WITH CUBA."

3. ARTICLE ALSO CONTAINED STATMENTS REPORTED REFTEL BY DR. WINSTON MURRAY ABOUT THE ALLEGED NUMBER OF CIA AGENTS IN THE POLICE FORCE OF GOTT AND MENTIONED THE NON-COMMITTAL COMMENTS OF THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN REPLY TO THESE ALLEGATIONS.

4. CANA REPORT INCORRECTLY IDENTIFIED DYMALLY AS MEMBER OF THE U.S. SENATE IN ADDITION TO BEING LT. GOV. OF CALIFORNIA. REMAINDER OF ARTICLE DEALT PRIMARILY WITH DYMALLY'S ASSESSMENT OF CARTER VICTORY AND EMPHASIZING UNUSUAL SUPPORT CARTER RECEIVED FROM THE BLACK COMMUNITY.

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